

REMARKS

We respond to the Examiner's obviously carefully crafted June 30, 2008 Office Action set out under DETAILED ACTION on page 2 of said Action as supplemented by the Examiner's remarks in the December 10, 2008 letter.

We acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's reconsideration of our earlier contention that claim 23 should be examined with claims 1, 7, 9-14 and 22.

The title amendments have been attended to by appropriate revision.

The specification amendments have been submitted in the form suggested by the Examiner.

The four replacement sheets for the Drawing are unchanged and consequently have not been again submitted.

The ABSTRACT has been rewritten to take into account the comments of the Examiner and is now in narrative form so as to comply with MPEP§608.01C.

The trademark "Torx" in the specification has been replaced by its generic equivalent "star" which is the name it is commonly known by in the field of mechanics. In this connection we have revised claims containing the criticisms directed to lower numbered claims which were not specifically

pointed out by the Examiner in higher numbered claims to ensure consistency throughout the application.

All the other indefinite rejections of claims 1, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 22 pointed out on page 6 and following of the Office Action have been attended to by appropriate amendment to the claims as set out in the Claim Amendments submitted herewith as we believe a review of the revised terminology will disclose.

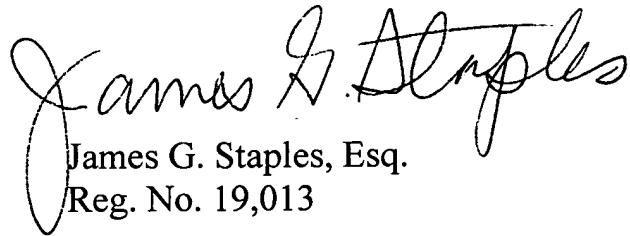
The Schneider patent, which discloses a one-time connection mechanical locking system, neither teaches nor suggests applicant's unique multi-use wedge locking action. Specifically, Schneider relies on widespread helical blades 18 to mechanically lock his tile 12 to his supporting structure 14 in a manner roughly equivalent to burying a metal reinforcing bar in the base of a concrete highway. Once in, it's there forever because it is a one-time locking action; it cannot be assembled, disassembled, and then reassembled as applicant's system can. The only way to recover the auger 10 with its helical blades 14 is to destroy the tile 12 which, while it would release the auger 10, would destroy the purpose for which the auger 10 was developed.

In stark contrast, applicant's fastening systems utilize wedging action to securely, but removably, attach his frangible article 10 to his support structure 21, so that the space behind the frangible article 10 can be repeatedly accessed,

and this feature is neither shown or remotely suggested by the Schneider apparatus. Hence, we respectfully submit applicant's currently presented claims clearly distinguish over the cited art and therefore formal allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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